

House Bill 2769

Sponsored by Representatives GOODWIN, OWENS, CONRAD; Representatives DIEHL, OSBORNE (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires Department of Environmental Quality to study disposal of electric vehicle batteries. Directs department to submit findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to environment not later than September 15, 2024.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to electric vehicle batteries.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Environmental Quality shall study the disposal of**
5 **electric vehicle batteries in this state.**

6 **(2) In conducting the study, the department shall:**

7 **(a) Identify and propose additional regulatory authority needed to properly dispose of**
8 **discarded electric vehicle batteries while preventing toxic environmental impacts;**

9 **(b) Estimate the volume of electric vehicle battery materials expected to be discarded**
10 **annually;**

11 **(c) Identify the size and potential locations of disposal sites needed to properly dispose**
12 **of electric vehicle batteries;**

13 **(d) Examine the potential for recycling electric vehicle battery materials;**

14 **(e) Estimate the annual costs of electric vehicle battery disposal and evaluate which**
15 **persons are best suited to cover those costs before disposal sites can be established;**

16 **(f) Conduct an analysis of the benefits to the environment of encouraging electric vehicle**
17 **adoption versus the harm to the environment of disposing of discarded electric vehicle bat-**
18 **teries;**

19 **(g) Conduct an analysis of the benefits to this state of encouraging electric vehicle**
20 **adoption versus the costs of disposing of electric vehicle batteries; and**

21 **(h) Consider any other factor relevant to providing for the safe disposal of electric vehicle**
22 **batteries.**

23 **(3) The department shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and**
24 **may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative**
25 **Assembly related to the environment no later than September 15, 2024.**

26 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.**
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